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ELECTROLYTE FOR BATTERY AND NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE BATTERY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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WO 03/041197 and JP 2003-77532 which are referred to on the attached European Search Report are not listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 A&B as they were listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 21, 2006. A copy of JP 2003-77532 is being submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a European Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents, indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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